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SUMMARY: ALL 21 MEMBERS COUNCIL OF STATE NOW SLECTED.
IN ADDITION TO SEVEN JUNTA MEMBERS, BODY COMPOSED SEVEN
MEMBERS ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE,
AND SEVEN DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS, TWO OF WHOM ALSO
FROM MILITARY. MILITARY DOMINANCE OF COUNCIL APPEARS
COMPLETE. END SUMMARY

1. COMPOSITION OF 21-MEMBER COUNCIL OF STATE, WHICH IS
NATION'S SUPREME ADVISORY BODY AND WATCHDOG OF PROVISION-
AL GOVERNMENT, MADE KNOWN IN PRESS RELEASE MAY 31.
(FOR DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SEE PARA A REFTEL.) BODY
CONSISTS OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SALVATION
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JUNTA, PLUS SEVEN MEMBERS FROM POLITICAL COMMITTEE

OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, AND SEVEN CITIZENS OF
"RECOGNIZED MERIT" DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT. (COMPOSITION OF JUNTA REPORTED IN LISBON 1601.)

2. THE SEVEN CHOSEN BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT ARE:

COL. VASCO DOS SANTOS GONCALVES
MAJOR VITOR MANUEL RODRIGUES ALVES
MAJOR EDUARDO AUGUSTO DE MELO ANTUNES
LT. CDR. CARLOS DE ALMADA CONTREIRAS
LT. CDR. VITOR MANUEL TRIGUEIROS CRESPO
CAPT. JOSE GABRIEL PEREIRA PINTO
CAPT. JOSE IGNACIO DA COSTA MARTINS
3. THE SEVEN "CITIZEN" MEMBERS CHOSEN BY SPINOLA
ARE:

DR. JOSE ENRIQUES DE AZEREDO PERDIGAO: 80 YEARS
OLD, PERSONALLY WEALTHY AND ONE OF MOST POWERFUL
FINANCIAL FIGURES IN PORTUGAL. SINCE 1956 HAS
SERVED AS CHAIRMAN GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, AND ON
BOARDS OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT COMPANIES. A
CONSERVATIVE, NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO POLITICS IN
PAST.

DR. RUI LUIS GOMES: 70 YEARS OLD, HAS DOCTORATE
IN MATH FROM UNIV. COIMBRA. TAUGHT AT UNIV. OPORTO
1929-47, WHEN FIRED FOR POLITICAL VIEWS. CANDIDATE
FOR PRESIDENT PORTUGAL 1950, BUT CREDENTIALS REJECTED
BY SUPREME COURT. JAILED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, IN
EXILE IN BRAZILE AND ARGENTINA LAST 15 YEARS. IN 1952
ELECTED TO WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. RECENTLY CHOSEN
RECTOR UNIVERSITY OPORTO. PRO-COMMUNIST.

PROF. ISABEL MARIA MAGALHAES COLACO: LAW PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF LISBON. UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY.

PROF. DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL: AGE 32, FORMER
TEACHING ASSISTANT TO CAETANO. PROFESSOR OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AT UNIV. LISBON, USED TO WRITE
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FORMER MEMBER CORPORATIVE CHAMBER. ASSOCIATED WITH
OPUS DEI. CONSERVATIVE TECHNICIAN.

PROF. HENRIQUES TEIXEIRA QUEIROS DE BARROS: RELATED BY
BY MARRIAGE TO CAETANO BUT IS KNOWN LEFTIST AGRICULTURAL
ENGINEER-OTHERWISE UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY.

LT. COL. JOAO DE ALMEIDA BRUNO: YOUNG, CLOSE

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT SPINOLA WITH WHOM HE SERVED IN GUINEA. JAILED AFTER CALDAS REVOLT, NOW CHIEF OF MILITARY HOUSEHOLD OF PRESIDENCY, AND SPINOLA TROUBLESHOOTER. IS ON TEAM IN LONDON NEGOTIATING CEASE-FIRE WITH PAIGC.

LT. COL. RAFAEL FERREIRA DURAO: ACTING C.O. OF COIMBRA MILITARY REGION; LED FORCE CAPTURING DGS HEADQUARTERS IN COIMBRA DURING REVOLT. BROTHER IS JUNTA DELEGATE TO LABOR MINISTRY.

4. COMMENT. COUNCIL OF STATE HAS 16 MILITARY AND ONLY 5 CIVILIAN MEMBERS. (ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY RUMORED, NEITHER BISHOP OF OPORTO NOR BISHOP OF NAMPULA NAMED BY SPINOLA.) WHILE IT EVIDENT THAT MILITARY DETERMINED TO CONTROL BODY COMPLETELY, IT STILL SURPRISING THAT SPINOLA SAW FIT TO APPOINT TWO MILITARY TO "CITIZEN" CATEGORY. THE 5 CIVILIANS APPARENTLY CHOSEN TO REPRESENT RIGHT, CENTER AND LEFT. SCOTT

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